The U.S. pork industry is a significant contributor to the agricultural economy and a major contributor to the overall U.S. economy. As the most consumed meat in the world, the combined economic contribution from hog production and pork processing supports more than $178 billion of direct, indirect, and induced sales, 613,000+ jobs, and $57 billion in value added (GDP).

**A Pillar of the U.S. Economy**

**INPUTS & FARMING**
The U.S. pork industry generates significant activity up and down its supply chain supported by more than 66,000 pig farms across the U.S.

- 1.6 billion bushels of corn valued at $7.72 billion (10.8% of U.S. corn crop)
- 10.5 million tons of soybean meal representing $3.39 billion in value (9.8% of the U.S. soybean crop)
- More than 36,000 full-time farmworkers and management earning $2.3 billion in wages

**HARVEST & PROCESSING**
Having produced 27.7 billion pounds of pork and helping contribute nearly $14 billion in gross domestic production in 2021, this sector is the critical link to markets and exports.

- More than 138,000 harvest and processing jobs generate nearly $7 billion in personal income
- Combined with hog production, harvest and processing activity generates $86 billion in direct sales

**DISTRIBUTION & EXPORTS**
At this stage, pork makes its way to consumers. In 2021, 14.8 billion pounds of pork entered domestic markets, including wholesale, retail, and foodservice channels.

- Combined with hog production, harvest and processing activity generates $86 billion in direct sales
- At foodservice, bacon and processed pork products dominate volume, followed by fresh cuts (NPB report)

- About 25% of U.S. pork is exported abroad, supporting more than 155,000 jobs

- 7.03 billion pounds of pork was exported in 2021 to more than 100 countries

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- Additional industry services including grain elevators, insurance, real estate, transportation, and more

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Key Facts

Jobs
Supported by direct, indirect, and induced activity

Total
613,823

Value Added
GDP value generated by direct, indirect, and induced activity

Total
$57.2 Billion

Farms
Hog operations based on the most recent U.S. Census of Agriculture

Total
66,439

Dynamics impacting the pork industry
Transforming from a commodity-oriented industry to a modern, capital-intensive and science-driven production model has introduced new challenges and opportunities for America's pork producers. These issues will impact the industry for years to come.

» Animal health and biosecurity
» Access to reliable workforce
» Exports and trade
» Environment and sustainability
» Freedom to operate
» Meeting consumer expectations